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VALENTINE. NEBRASKA.

WHITES VS. BLACKS

A SERIOUS RACE RIOT OCCURS
IN THE TOWN OF
LAUREL, DEL.

ONE KILLED AND SCORE HURT

Officers Unable to Cope With Fierce
Struggle, Which Lasts Several
Hours—Windows Shattered and Ex-
terior of Buildings Damaged.

Laurel, Del.—About 10 o'clock Saturday night a mob of armed negroes swooped down upon a crowd of spectators in the main thoroughfare of the town and fired a volley of buckshot into the throng. Orem Stockley, 18 years old, son of a farmer living near Laurel, fell to the ground shot through the head. He was taken to a hospital in Salisbury, Md., where he died the following day.

George Hudson, 50 years old, a white man, of Bethel, was shot in the leg, necessitating amputation, and John Thompson, a white barber, was shot in both legs, while shaving a patron. Other white men were injured. It is known that several negroes are injured, but they cannot be located.

Officers were unable to cope with the mob and there was a fierce struggle between the two races until 3 o'clock in the morning. Windows were shattered and the exterior of buildings was greatly damaged.

When it was learned that young Stockley had died a number of white men armed themselves and with Chief of Police Ellis and others entered the negro section and raided the house which was said to be the headquarters of the negro rioters. Three alleged ringleaders were arrested and taken to the Sussex county jail. Earl Richards, a 15-year-old white boy, stole his father's revolver and captured George Wright, a negro, for whom the authorities have been looking for more than a year. Richards compelled the negro to hold up his hands until the officers arrived. Wright is said to be wanted in Virginia for the alleged murder of a white boy.

Officers are endeavoring to apprehend the negro who fired the fatal shot at young Stockley. Open threats have been made of a lynching when he is captured.

ATTACK AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

Rev. John Murray Seriously Injured,
His Assailants Thinking Him
a Kidnap.

Shanghai.—Rev. John Murray, of the American Presbyterian mission at Tsi Nan Fu, was attacked by Chinese on March 28, seventeen miles north of that place. He was badly injured about the head and body and was brought back to the mission by a government escort. He is not considered out of danger.

An absurd report had been circulated among the Chinese that Mr. Murray had stolen a child, and some of them set upon him while he was engaged in making pastoral visits. His assailants are under arrest, and the Chinese officials are displaying the utmost solicitude for his recovery.

Police Raid Kansas City's Little Italy.

Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City's Little Italy was raided Sunday. Fifty-eight were arrested, scores of weapons and much ammunition and many houses and places of business in the vicinity of Holy Rosary church were searched. The raid was made by fifty-five policemen, headed by Chief Griffin.

Expires at Age of Eighty-Six.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. James Ormond Wilson, for many years superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia, had invited friends to gather at his home in celebration of his 86th birthday, but when they arrived they found him dead.

Dual Nebraska Crime.

Hastings, Neb.—Harry Palmer, a young farmer, shot and killed his wife, and then attempted to take his own life by the same method. The shooting was done in the presence of Mrs. Palmer's mother with whom she had taken refuge. Marital troubles are given as the cause.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Ia.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.75. Top hogs, \$6.35.

Explosion in Juarez Dance Hall.

El Paso, Tex.—A bomb was exploded in a Juarez dance hall shortly after 12 o'clock Sunday morning. Many are reported to have been maimed and injured.

Plague Outbreak in Java.

Amsterdam.—Reports of a serious outbreak of the plague are coming from the southeastern portion of Java. It is stated that 250 cases, of which 224 proved fatal, have occurred in various districts there.

DECLARES LAW VOID

BUCKET SHOPS WIN OVER GOV.
ERNMENT BY DECISION
OF JUSTICE WHITE.

GOVERNMENT IS TO APPEAL

Has Severe Setback in Campaign
Which Began With Raids in Seven
Large Cities—Jurist Says Act Vi-
olates Right of Contract.

Washington.—"Bucket-shopping" is a lawful occupation, according to a decision handed down by Justice Wright in the district Supreme court, and as a result the widespread movement by the department of justice to end the practice in nearly half a score of cities threatens to come to naught. Justice Wright based his decision on the ground that the amendment to the code defining "bucketing" is unconstitutional because it deprives citizens of the liberty of contract guaranteed them by the Constitution.

The decision was rendered in the case of Edward Altemus of Jersey City and Louis A. and Angelo Cella of St. Louis, who operated a so-called bucket shop under the title of the Standard Stock and Grain company. With 26 others they were indicted and, while six of those pleaded guilty and were fined in sums aggregating \$8,100, the remainder decided to fight.

Movements of the government leading to the indictments were shrouded in the greatest secrecy. On April 12, 1910, however, when indictments were obtained, raids on "shops" in seven cities were made simultaneously, wires were cut and customers were thrown into panic. Since then, according to Attorney General Wickersham, "bucket-shopping" has become a thing of the past east of Denver.

The government announced its intention to appeal from Justice Wright's decision. The attorney general, when informed of the finding, declared he would carry the question to the Supreme court of the United States, if necessary, for he is anxious to have the matter determined in order that the department may proceed with further prosecutions along the same line if the law is upheld.

In the meantime the law officers of the government will watch carefully the progress of an appeal of other of the indicted "bucket-shoppers" pending before Justice Gould of the same court. This appeal is not taken on constitutional grounds, but raises technical objections.

CONFESSES HE SLEW GIRL

Frank E. Heidemann Collapses as He
Pleads Guilty to Murder of
Little Marie Smith.

Asbury Park, N. J.—Frank E. Heidemann pleaded guilty to the murder of Marie Smith, the ten-year-old Asbury Park school girl Thursday, when arraigned before Supreme Court Justice Willard P. Voorhees in the county courthouse at Freehold.

Heidemann, who was arrested on the Atlantic City express at Red Bank on March 15 while endeavoring to escape to Honduras, was indicted by the grand jury following the reading of a signed confession made to the detective who arrested him.

In the confession Heidemann told of slaying the girl in the woods along Deal Lake on November 9 last. He said he killed the child on the spot where she was found with a hammer.

With the proverbial rapidity of Jersey justice, Heidemann was led into court three hours after the indictment was found. His face was white and drawn and his hands shook as he grasped the rail for support. He was a picture of despair.

When the indictment was read Heidemann collapsed. His plea was announced in a voice so faint as to be almost inaudible. When he uttered the word "guilty" he sobbed audibly and clutched at a table for support.

SMILES ON WAY TO GALLOWS

Slayer of Woman at Pottsville, Pa.,
Places Noose on His Neck—Ex-
ecution Witnessed by 1,500.

Pottsville, Pa.—A remarkable display of nerve was made in the county jail yard here Thursday by Joseph Christock, who was hanged for the murder of Mrs. Ann Richards last fall.

Declining the proffered assistance of a priest and deputy sheriff, the man walked smilingly from his cell to the foot of the gallows and ran lightly up the steps.

It was a public hanging and before him stood 1,500 persons, to whom he waved his hand. Then he reached up, grasped the noose and placed it around his neck, put his arms by his side to be strapped and smilingly said: "Good-by, all." The nery man held his head in position for the adjustment of the black cap and in another moment the trap was sprung. He was dead in 12 minutes.

Prominent Mason Dead.

Urbana, Ill.—The funeral of Edward Blackshaw, a prominent Mason, was held here Wednesday. Mr. Blackshaw caused the first step to unite the Grand Council with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, where it remained until 1882.

Treaty Ratified by Japan.

Tokio.—The privy council Wednesday ratified the treaty of commerce and navigation with the United States. The signatory exchange will be made on April 4.

THE NEW YORK FACTORY FIRE



It Was From the Windows and Ledges of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Stories on This Side That Most of the Girls Jumped.

FIRE RUINS CAPITOL

MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE AT
ALBANY, N. Y., COSTING \$27-
000,000 SWEEPED BY BLAZE.

PRICELESS RECORDS BURNED

Conflagration Believed to Have Re-
sulted From Defective Electric
Light Pushbutton—Valuable Docu-
ments and State Papers Lost.

Albany, N. Y.—Flames Wednesday ruined a large portion of the \$27,000,000 state capitol here.

State Architect Ware estimates the loss at from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000, exclusive of valuable historical papers which cannot be replaced. There is no insurance on the building or its contents.

Flames raged in the costly structure for four hours, destroying practically all the west wing, and were declared to be under control. Later they broke out again in the south-west angle of the building and threatened to complete the work of destruction. In two hours, however, the fire was subdued.

It was reported that several men were missing, but all have been accounted for except Samuel Abbott of Syracuse, night watchman in the state library, who is believed to have been burned to death.

Several firemen were knocked unconscious by falling debris in fighting the second outburst of flames, and were taken to a hospital.

The governor summoned Architect Ware, Police Chief Hyatt and Fire Chief Bridgeford into conference as to the safety of the capitol. Mr. Dix feared it had been so badly damaged that all parts were unsafe. The conferees refused an opinion on the matter until a thorough examination had been made.

Firemen considered the senate and assembly chambers practically intact, with the exception of slight fire and water damage, but Mr. Ware advised against their use until they had been tested. The building was placed under martial law.

On the third floor, where the flames gained their start, the departments wholly or partly destroyed by fire or seriously damaged by water were:

State library, containing 600,000 volumes, among them the most valuable genealogical works in the United States, together with relics and priceless documents, some of them dating back to 1776 and irreplaceable. Assembly and senate libraries, stored with thousands of volumes of law and code books; also a number of documents and manuscripts that can never be replaced.

Both houses met at the city hall in a response to a call by Governor Dix. It is expected that the legislators will take up a rigid investigation of a report that an electric pushbutton was reported out of commission by a watchman Tuesday and not repaired during the day. This button is held responsible for the conflagration.

Try to Capture Ex-Sultan.

Tangier, Morocco.—An army of 3,000 Berbers attacked the Moroccan capital city of Fez Thursday and attempted to capture Sultan Mulai Hafid. In a fierce battle with native troops they were driven off.

Fire Wipes Out Dixie Town.

Alexandria, La.—A \$500,000 fire practically wiped out the business section of Pollock, La., Thursday. Twenty-eight buildings, including two hotels, several stores and residences, were destroyed.

141 PERISH IN FIRE

SCORES DIE BY JUMPING FROM
BURNING FACTORY.

Fire Marshal's Inquiry Reveals Fact
Workroom Was Death Trap—86
Victims Are Identified.

New York.—Of the 141 employees, mostly girls and women killed in a fire in Triangle Shirtwaist factory at the corner of Greene street and Washington place Saturday, 86 have been identified.

Seventy of the bodies were those of girls and young women, the remaining sixteen those of men. There are 12 injured in the hospitals. Scores of others more or less seriously hurt were taken to their homes.

The building was occupied by a number of factories, and at least 1,500 persons were at work when the fire started.

The victims were either burned to death or were crushed into lifeless forms on the pavements when they leaped to escape the swift rush of fire which quickly enveloped the building. Not since the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum, off North Brother's island in 1904, when 1,020 persons perished, has the city been so excited by a fire horror.

At least fifty of the victims were killed by leaping from the windows of the seventh floor, and floors above.

Many perished in the flames on upper floors, remaining, afraid to leap until the fire surrounded them.

A great crowd gathered around the scene of the fire. Factories in the neighborhood were soon emptied of their employees.

Some of the revelations brought out by Fire Marshal Beers in his public inquiry into the causes of the fire show that the poor girls in that panic rush to escape from the flames found traps at every turn.

It seemed that the very arrangement of the workroom was a trap, with 700 women, jammed back to back at their machines. When the panic started, the narrow aisles became blocked with chairs and the girls were in confusion before they even started for the doors. Then there was a scarcity of exits, the inward opening doors and the death trap "fire escapes."

"The fire, without any question, started from a cigarette or a match thrown into a pile of lawn clippings—light cotton stuff," said Marshal Beers.

JOHNSON IS RESENTENCED

Colored Puglist Must Serve Twenty-
Five Days in Jail for Speed-
ing Automobile.

San Francisco.—Ordered into the police court, Prize Fighter Jack Johnson was again sentenced to serve 25 days in the county jail by Acting Police Judge Treadwell. Judge Treadwell said that he took this action to forestall any question of the legality of the original sentence, from which Johnson appealed to the superior court.

Last Spike in New Alaska Road.

Cordova, Alaska.—The last spike completing the Copper River & Northwestern railroad between Cordova, on Tidewater and Kennelcott, where the Bonanza Copper mountain is situated, was driven Thursday. Ore trains will be in operation within two days.

Pass Senatorial Vote Bill.

Columbus, O.—The house Thursday passed, by a vote of 89 to 12, the Wieman bill providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote on the Oregon plan.

HINES' STORY DENIED ALL OVER NEBRASKA

DECLARED IN WASHINGTON TAFT
NOT LORIMER AID.

President Wrote Letter Last Novem-
ber Saying There Was No Truth
in the Statement.

Washington.—A flat denial was made of the report from Springfield, Ill., that the president had joined with Senator Aldrich in urging the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate.

Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman of Chicago, testified at the Lorimer hearing that Senator Aldrich had told him President Taft was anxious to have Lorimer elected.

Last November there was a similar report. Then President Taft wrote a letter to a personal friend who had made inquiries that there was absolutely no truth in the statement. A paragraph of that letter says:

"The reports, rumors or statements that I consciously lent any weight of the administration to the election of Lorimer are wholly untrue."

President Taft himself would not answer the Hines statement. He believes the one denial is enough.

Following the Hines charge came the statement that the Lorimer case will be reopened soon after congress convenes next Tuesday. That action will be based on the developments in the Lorimer hearing now in progress in Springfield. It is expected that much evidence will be developed which might be of use in reopening the case here.

RAILROAD MAN GOES INSANE

Dickinson MacAllister. Becomes
Crazed, Battles With Friends and
Officers and Attempts Suicide.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Dickinson MacAllister of Harrisburg, Pa., went mad on a Pullman car on Panhandle train No. 10.

The man was taken from the lavatory where he had locked himself in and had smashed the windows ready to jump out.

MacAllister, who is said to be a high official with the Chicago Terminal Railway company, left Chicago for his home in Harrisburg. He was accompanied by two friends, I. M. Jordan and John C. Hays of Chicago, and occupied a drawing room aboard the train. Somewhere between Columbus and Dennison, O., MacAllister grew violently insane and kicked out the lights in the drawing room leaving the compartment in darkness.

He made a rush for the windows in the car, and before he could be prevented, he is said to have kicked out two of them. When his companions attempted to calm him, MacAllister took refuge in the lavatory where he barred the door. Here he remained, and all the efforts of the Pullman conductor and the man's two friends, failed to dislodge him.

BANKERS LIKE ALDRICH PLAN

Currency Bill Is Acceptable, But Minor
Changes in Phraseology Are Re-
commended.

Washington.—After a conference of two days with the currency commission of the American Bankers' association, the monetary commission adjourned to meet at the call of Chairman Aldrich.

The conference has been devoted to a general analysis of the Aldrich currency bill. In the main the provisions of the plan outlined by Mr. Aldrich have been found to be acceptable to the bankers, but they have suggested minor changes in phraseology in other portions of the measure, and considerable attention has been given to a few of the features of the bill.

The plans of the commission embrace an active campaign for the summer, with the view of having the measure completed by the beginning of the first regular session of the Sixty-second congress on the first Monday of next December.

TRUSKETT IS FOUND GUILTY

Wealthy Kansan Convicted by Jury
of Slaying J. D. L. Neeley of
Ohio.

Independence, Kan.—A. A. Truskett, seventy years of age, a wealthy business man of Caney, Kan., was found guilty of murdering J. D. S. Neeley, a millionaire oil man of Lima, Ohio. The jury returned its verdict of second degree murder after being out 27 hours.

Forbids "Nat" to Marry.

New York.—An interlocutory decree of divorce in favor of Edna Goodrich Goodwin, the actress, from her husband, Nat C. Goodwin, the comedian, was signed by Supreme Court Justice Giegerich. Miss Goodrich receives permission to be married again, but Mr. Goodwin is denied permission during the lifetime of his former wife.

Kills First Three to Pass.

Burlington, Wash.—William Weegin, a rancher of South Prairie, became violently insane Thursday, and, taking a rifle, went out on a county road and shot and killed three passers-by, who were John Ranke, William Ranke and John Ware, all of Burlington.

Russian Edict Is Blow at Jews.

St. Petersburg.—The holy synod Thursday issued an edict prohibiting Jews bearing Christian first names.

Wife Saved Much Money.

Hall County.—The frugality of the German housewife, and particularly of the pioneer type wending her way with her husband to a new country years ago to rear a family and acquire a competence for old age, was demonstrated in Grand Island, when, after the funeral of Mrs. J. F. Detlefsen, who died at the age of 76 years, \$600 were found in bags of \$100 silver dollars, halves and quarters each. It was discovered that, unknown to her aged husband, she had \$600 deposited in a bank and had quite a sum paid in on shares taken out in the building and loan association, the total of savings, unknown to her husband, being \$2,000. Mr. and Mrs. Detlefsen live a retired, industrious and frugal life, living comfortably, however, in their own home near the heart of the city. Mr. Detlefsen conducting a livery and feed stable and doing a small business in selling grain and feed. The savings were made out of the family allowances.

Wife Operates the Saloon.

Otoe County.—When Frank Effenberger, a saloonkeeper of Nebraska City, died a month ago, his wife was appointed administrator of his estate and despite the written opinion of the city attorney opened and operated the saloon which had been licensed by her husband. She was arrested on a complaint filed by City Attorney Paul Jensen and released on a bond of \$100 and a continuance of 30 days given to hear the case. After she was released she again opened the saloon and is operating it, claiming she has taken legal advice and will operate the place.

Much Alfalfa Burned.

Harlan County.—Sparks from the eastbound morning freight train set fire to V. M. Emmert's alfalfa hay that was stacked near his feed lots just west of Alma and west of town and about 35 tons was consumed and as the wind was blowing a gale it took hard work to save W. H. Lewis' hay and feed sheds just north of Emmert's place, where he has five cars of cattle ready to ship to market.

Purchases Old Family Home.

Dodge County.—Through negotiations which have just been closed Ray Nye of Fremont has come into ownership of the ancient Nye home, where eight generations of the family have lived, near East Sandwich, Mass. Mr. Nye will preserve the property and has bought most of the furniture in order that it shall continue to be habitable. He expects to spend an occasional fortnight in it.

North Platte Valley Contracts.

Morrill County.—Telegrams from Director Newell and Congressman Kinkaid advise of the approval of 25 cents per acre maintenance under the government canal, and the balance of \$1 in December. Farmers are much pleased and will put in their crops now. A. E. Poush, Robert Covington and Dr. E. Nichols were nominated as village trustees. No other ticket will be named.

Boosting for Agriculture College.

Phelps County.—Holdrege is boosting hard for the new agricultural school. Meetings have been held in different towns throughout the county to stir up enthusiasm. The real Holdrege boosters' meeting will be held on the afternoon of April 1. Ex-Governor Shallenberger will be the principal speaker.

Engagement Is Announced.

Lancaster County.—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace Dexter Bryan, to Richard Lewis Hargreaves, son of Mrs. A. E. Hargreaves of Lincoln. The marriage will take place early in June.

Want Sunday Rest.

Otoe County.—The mail carriers of Nebraska City have petitioned Postmaster Frank McCartney to permit them to rest on Sunday. Postmaster McCartney has taken the matter up with the department officials and hopes to be able to give them an answer in a short time.

Plans For Custer Court House.

Custer County.—C. D. Daly, representing Architect Latenser, arrived from Omaha bringing with him the complete working plans and specifications of the new court house, which he placed before the board of county supervisors in session. The board approved them.

To Serve Life Sentence.

Cedar County.—Sheriff McFadden, left Friday morning for Lincoln, having in custody Mrs. Maggie Davis, who will begin serving a life sentence for the killing of Ira M. Churchill; and Otto Stark, recently convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to one year.

M. E. District Conference.

Nemaha County.—The annual Nebraska City district conference and missionary convention of the Methodist church will be held at Stella, April 10 to 12. A good program is being prepared.

A Boosters' Club.

Sheridan County.—A meeting of delegates from the commercial clubs of Hay Springs, Rushville and Gordon, in Sheridan county, met at Rushville and organized the Sheridan County Boosters' association.